

**REMARKS**

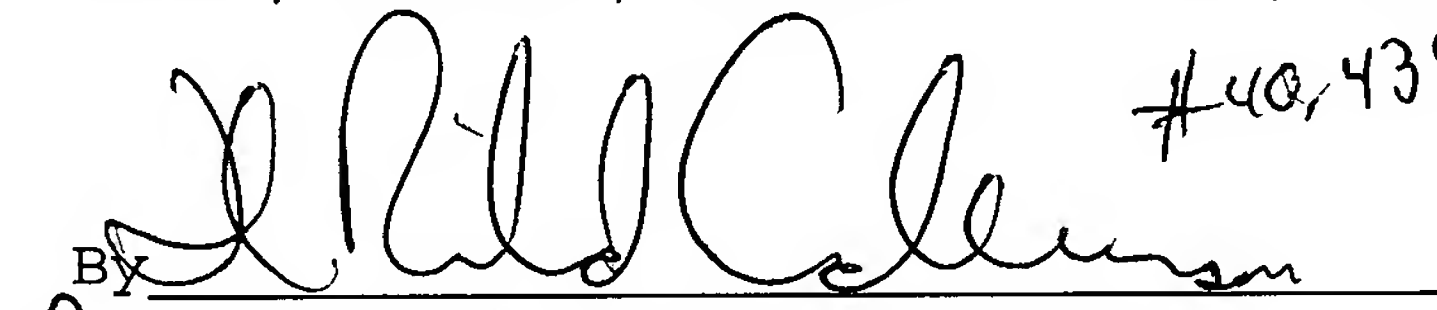
Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependency.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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